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"Islands, Castles & Portable Operations"
Listing is by calendar date (day/month/year)
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06/04/2012: Members of the Fox Charlie DXpedition Team will be active from Swaziland as 3DA0FC from 6-10 April 2012. Plans are to be QRV on 80-10 metre SSB, RTTY and PSK. Operators include Filip ON4AEO and XYL Kath ON7BK, Sid ZS6AYC and XYL Adele ZR6APT, Gert ZS6GC, Jose ON4CJK, YL Elna ZS6EB, YL Steffi ON3AEO, Lucas ZS6ACT and Herman ZS5LH. QSL via ON4CJK, direct or Bureau. Full information, including suggested frequencies and online log can be found at: www.filipstattooshop.be/Swaziland2012/ [425 DX News]

06/04/2012: On Friday, April 6, 2012 Sherry, KD4STW, and Randy, AJ4RW will activate Little Talbot Island (NA-138, USi FL116S, Duval County), Florida. Plans are to be QRV on either 20 or 15 metre SSB but will try some RTTY and/or PSK31 if possible. The callsign will be AJ4RW/4 and will be referenced by the /4. QSL either direct with a SASE or if outside the USA please include a SAE and 1USD to cover postage and eQSL. [QRZ.com / DX Newsletter]

07/04/2012: Mirko, 9A7WA and Ivan, 9A7DRI will be active on the 7th of April 2012 from several castles: Castle Jankovic in Cabuna (WCA/9A-COTA 9A-00162); Castle Jankovic in Suhopolje (WCA/9A-COTA 9A-00166); Castle Dvor in Lukac (WCA/9A-COTA 9A-00163); Castle Spisic in Bukovika (WCA/9A-COTA 9A-00167); and the Castle Pejacevic in Virovitica (WCA/9A-COTA 9A-00168). They plan to work as homecall/p from 0600 UTC on 40 and 20 metres. QSL via home calls, Bureau or direct. [RN1CW]

07/04/2012: Patrick, F8DYD, along with Jean Louis, F5SSQ, will be QRV as F8DYD/p on Saturday, 7 April 2012 from the Castle of Marconnay (DFCF 86-095), Sanxay (CP 86600), Department Vienne/86 and Province Poitou-Charentes (DPF 19). They will also activate the Mill a vent [vestiges] (DMF 86-050). QRV 80-20m CW and SSB, propagation permitting. QSL via home call, Bureau or direct. [F8DYD]

07/04/2012: Amadeo, EA3OW, will be active from Jacmel, Southern Haiti (NA-096, WLOTA 0343), as HH8/EA3OW between 7 April and 12 May, 2012. This is a working trip so activity will only be during his free time. Plans are to be QRV on 40-10 metre SSB, RTTY and other digital modes, using Kenwood TS-480SAT and dipole antennas. QSL via home call, direct or Bureau. [dx-world.net]

07/04/2012: Hrane, YT1AD, will travel in the month of April to Fiji, Samoa and American Samoa for the preparation of the upcoming expedition to Conway Reef in September, 2012. During this trip he will be active as KH8/N9YU from the QTH of AH8LG located in Pago Pago, Tutuila Island, American Samoa (OC-045, WLOTA 4385) between 7-9 April and as 5W7A from Upolu Island, Samoa (OC-097, WLOTA 1944) from 9-11 April. The last destination of his trip is visit to the island of Rotuma (OC-060) with Tevita Rokobaro, 3D2TR from Fiji Ministry of tourism and communications. During this visit will help students Rotuma High School 3D2RI club station with new donations, antenna rotor, donated by K6MKF and HF LPA 500W, donated by Hrane, YT1AD. While on Rotuma he will use the callsign 3D2R between 13-20 April. QSL via YT1AD. [dx-world.net]

07/04/2012: Doc, OZ/DF1XC, and Joana, OZ/DJ5YL, will be QRV from Bornholm Island (EU-030, DIA BO-001, WLOTA 2203) on 40m-10m from 7-14 April, 2012. QSLs via homecalls, direct or Bureau. [DX Newsletter]

08/04/2012: Alan, VK4WR and Graeme, VK4FI will be active from the South Cook Islands between 8-27 April, 2012 as E51BKM and E51GMH, respectively. They plan to activate Rarotonga Island (OC-013, Grid Loc. BG08) and Aitutaki Island (OC-083, Grid Loc. BH01). Look for them on 40-6m CW and SSB, with focus on 6 metres. Equipment: IC-706 and a FT-450 (no amplifiers - 100 watts only) into a 5 element Yagi for 6m and a OCF Dipole. QSL via VK4FI, direct only. [dx-world.net]

08/04/2012: The Buddies in the Caribbean mini-DXpedition group is off to the island of Montserrat (NA-103, WLOTA 1475) from 8-16 April, 2012 with a new group of operators who have never experienced the other side of a pileup! Because of severe baggage limits on the Antigua to Montserrat flight (one bag under 50 lbs!), they will be limited to 100 watt or less low power radios and the Buddipole portable antenna systems. Yet their goal is to demonstrate ultralite dxpeditioning into magnificent vista locations, operating a field portable battery-only radio with backpackable, lightweight antennas and most of all having fun on the volcano isle. The eight operators are: Budd VP2MFF (W3FF), Guy VP2MUN (N7UN), Paul VP2MVO (KB9AVO), Larry VP2MLR (W7DGP), Russ VP2MQR (N7QR), Tom VP2MTM (K2GSJ), and Chris VP2MYZ (N2YYZ). There will be several villa stations in operation on 160-10m using CW, SSB, and RTTY or PSK. At the same time, several teams will be battery-only, field portable either from Montserrat beaches or scenic mountain tops. QSL via LoTW, eQSL, or mail to the operator's home callsign (SASE required). [N7UN/dx-world.net]

09/04/2012: Look for Gerd, DL5AWI, to be QRV on Monday April 9th 2012 from about 0800 to 1200 UTC from Burg Winterstein (WCA DL-01498, COTA THB-204), located in the community Emsetal OT Winterstein (WW Loc. JO50FV. This activation will also count for Nature Park Thuringer Wald (WFF DLFF-128). QSL via home call. Log will be uploaded to WCA/WFF E-Log. [DL5AWI]

09/04/2012: Giorgio, IZ4AKS and wife Silvia, K1XYL will be active from the island of Rhodes (EU-001, GIOTA DKS-006, MIA MGD-028, WLOTA 0045), Dodecanese, between April 9-16, 2012. Primarily a business trip, they will be active as SV5/IZ4AKS when time permits. QSL via home call, direct or Bureau. [dx-world.net]

10/04/2012: Members of Malaysian Amateur Radio Transmitter Society and 9M4SDX Team will be active as 9M0L from Pulau Layang Layang [aka Swallow Reefs], Spratly Islands (AS-051). The dates are 10-24 April, 2012 - divided into 3 groups, tean A through C. Operators will include 7K4QOK, JK1FNL, G3TXF, JE1CKA, JP1TRJ, 9M2/JE1SCJ, 9M8YY, JQ2GYU, JA1LZR, 9M2PX, 9M2CLN and 9M2TO. Further information and updates on their website at: 9m0l.legendchew.com/ [dx-world.net]

10/04/2012: Klaus, DL7UXG, will be active as homecall/p from Foehr Island (EU-042, GIA N-017, WLOTA 4067) from 10-12 April, 2012. QRV on the HF bands on, or near, the usual island and IOTA frequencies. QSL via home call, direct or Bureau. [rsgbiota.org]

11/04/2012: Look for the E51M DXpedition that was active from Manihiki Atoll, North Cook Islands, to be active as E51EWP from Rarotonga (OC-013), South Cook Islands, between 11-14 April, 2012. QRV on all bands, including 60m, using CW, SSB and the Digital modes. QSL via DJ8NK, direct or by the Bureau. Online QSL Requests Service (OQRS) for the Bureau and direct cards can be made after April 20th. For more details, see the E51M Web page at: www.manihiki2012.de/ [OPDX Bulletin]

12/04/2012: Alex, UT5UY will be active holiday style as 8Q7UY from Thulhagiri Island, Maldives (AS-013), between 12-21 April, 2012. He will operate CW and SSB on 80-10 metres, holiday style. QSL via home call, direct or Bureau. [425 DX News]

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LOOKING AHEAD -

14/04/2012: The Irish Loop Amateur Radio Club, VO1MCE, Cape Race, Newfoundland (NA-027, CIsA NF001, WLOTA 0345), will be doing a re-enactment of the the Loss of The Titanic on 14th and 15th April, 2012. It is also their intention to have VE0MGY/MM a ship at the Titanic wreck site communicating with Cape Race and other Amateur Radio Stations. QSL both calls via VO1VCE. [RAC]

17/04/2012: Special callsign HF87WARD will be activated by members of the SP-CFF (SP0CFF). This station will be active from 17-30 April, 2012. QSL via eQSL.cc and WFF LogSerach. For those who want to send card direct, please send SASE to: Polish Club Flora & Fauna, Suchacz, Wielmozy 5b, 82-340 Tolkmicko, Poland. They will even have an award for this operation. [XE1R]

18/04/2012: Look for the Liberia Radio Amateur Association to be active as EL2RL to celebrate World Amateur Radio Day on 18 April, 2012. QRV on 20, 17, 15 and 10 metres. QSL direct to EL2BA. [XE1R]

18/04/2012: The Union Schweizerischer Kurzwellen-Amateure will be active, for World Amateur Radio Day, as HB9WARD on 18 April, 2012. This first time callsign will be on the air by HB9JOE and a group of radio amateurs from Bern. QSL via HB9JOE. [XE1R]

18/04/2012: Masahiko, JH4VUC, will once again be active from the island of Saipan, North Mariana Islands (OC-086, USi NI002S, WLOTA 1333, WW Loc. QK25UE), from 18-21 April, 2012. Expect activity on all HF bands and modes. QSL direct to his home callsign (JH4VUC 3-6-62, Hiro-Ooshingai, Kure-City, Hioshima-Pref., Japan 737-0141). [DXAT]

26/05/2012: Phil KT3Y, Fred K9VV and Tine S50A will be active as KP2M from the Radio Reef contest station, island of St. Croix (NA-106, USi VI002S, WLOTA 2477, St. Croix County), U.S. Virgin Islands for the CQWW WPX CW Contest (26-27 May). Plans are for a Multi-Single entry. QSL via LoTW. [NG3K]

28/07/2012: The Jersey Amateur Radio Society (GJ3DVC) contest group will be active as GJ2A for the RSGB IOTA Contest (28-29 July) as a Multi-Op entry from St. Brelade, Isle of Jersey (EU-013, WLOTA 0818). QSL via LoTW. QSL also OK direct to K2WR for the North America or direct to GJ3DVC for the rest of the world. NO eQSL. [NG3K]

07/10/2012: From Sunday October 7, 2012 at 0000 UTC through Saturday October 13, 2012 at 2400 UTC the North American QRP CW Club (NAQCC) will be celebrating their 8th anniversary. Special event callsigns for earch of the 10 USA call areas will be used: N1A, N2A, N3A, N4A, N5A, N6A, N7A, N8A, N9A and N0A. QSL via the operators' instructions. Further information can be found on the NAQCC website at: http://naqcc.info/ [NAQCC]

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SPECIAL EVENTS -

06/04/2012: The Radio Club de Chile is currently active as 3G87IARU until 30 April 2012 to celebrate the 87th anniversary of the International Amateur Radio Union (IARU) and World Amateur Radio Day (18 April). QSL via CE3AA, direct or Bureau. [XE1R]

06/04/2012: Commemorating the Titanic's 100th anniversary, special callsign GB100MGY will be active from Fort Perch Rock Marine Radio Museum in New Brighton, England (EU-005, WLOTA 1841) on 6-26 April, 2012. QRV on all HF bands and modes. They also have special permission to use the GB100MGY callsign on the 501 kHz to 504 kHz band from the 12th April until 18th April and will be transmitting on 502 kHz CW and for those people without a 500 kHz band licence a crossband QSO on 3566 kHz or 7066 kHz as propagation conditions permits. QSL via M0BZZ, direct or Bureau. Further information at: www.gb100mgy-fortperchrock.co.uk/ [425 DX News]

06/04/2012: The Southampton Amateur Radio Club (G3SOU and G8FAB) will be operating a Special Event Station GB1HMGY on the weekends of 6th - 8th and 13th - 15th April 2012 from Mayflower Park, Southampton, to mark the 100th anniversary of the loss of the RMS Titanic. QSL via the information on QRZ.com.

07/04/2012: On 10 April 1912 the RMS Titanic (radio callsign MGY) called at port of Cherbourg during her ill-fated maiden journey. To commemorate that event, the Radio Club Nord Cotentin will be active as TM5MGY on 7-21 April, 2012. QSL via F6KFW, direct or bureau. [425 DX News]

07/04/2012: Special callsign TM95BA will be active during the weekends between 7th April and 8th May 2012 to commemorate the 95th anniversary of the Battle of Arras during the First World War. QSL via F6IEO. [425 DX News]

08/04/2012: Jack, G0FQN, will operate special event station GB50WVR, starting on Friday 10 February, and then throughout 2012 on various dates, to celebrate 50 years of the Keighley & Worth Valley Railway Preservation Society. WAB reference SE03. The next activation date will be 8th April. 2012 is also 145 years since the line opened to the public for the first time, in April 1867. This year is also Locomotive 957(52044) 125th birthday, famouse for starring as the Green Dragon in the Film "the Railway Children". Station set up is Alinco DX70TH, 100 Watts and a homemade dipole. QSL via 2E1HQY direct, or via the RSGB Bureau and eQSL. Further information and updates will be available at: www.qrz.com/db/GB50WVR [GB2RS]

08/04/2012: For the 27th Meeting of the Union Francaise des Telegraphistes UFT, which will be held in Vineuil (WW Loc. JN07QN) (Near Blois, Center France), Department Loir-et-Cher/41 and Province of Centre (DPF 07), the special callsign TM27UFT will be aired from 8-22 April, 2012. QRV on HF, VHF and even more, CW only. All the QSOs will be confirmed via Bureau. QSL via the bureau to Gerard, F6ICG; same way for SWL cards as well. Direct cards, YL, OM & SWL, ok but only after 15th July, to Gerard, F6ICG. [F5NQL]

08/04/2012: Commemorating the Titanic Centenery, Lerwick Radio Club, Shetland Islands (EU-012, IOSA SH01, SCOTIA SI11, WLOTA 0867) will be active on the HF bands as GB2WG on 8-20 April, 2012. This special callsign's suffix stands for native Shetlander Walter Gray, who was the officer-in-charge of Marconi station at Cape Race, Newfoundland, and in contact with the ship on 14 April 1912. QSL via MM5PSL. [425 DX News]

10/04/2012: The sinking of White Star Line's RMS Titanic on 15th April 1912 sent shock-waves around the world and has touched our hearts ever since. To commemorate this tragic event, special event station GR100MGY will be activated between 10-15th April, 2012. Some fifteen operators will man two 400 watt transmitters on the eight HF bands from 3.5 to 28 MHz, using directional antennas. Only CW will be used except on the open days, 14-15th April, when SSB will help the public to understand the operation. Activity on VHF is also planned. GR100MGY will be located at 0?37'18" West, 51?11'49" North, Locator IO91QE: Charterhouse, Hurtmore Road, Godalming, Surrey, GU7 2DX, England

(EU-005, WLOTA 1841). QSL via G3SXW, direct or Bureau. [dx-world.net]

12/04/2012: GI2012MGY, a special event station located at Hamilton Dock, Queens Road, in Belfast from onboard the SS Nomadic - Titanics 'Little Sister'. To mark the Centenery of the sinking of the Titanic, City of Belfast Radio Amateur Society (GI2BX, ISWL member GI-21131), will be QRV on most HF bands, CW and SSB, from onboard 'the Nomadic' from 12th - 18th April, 2012. The SS Nomadic is the only remaining historic link to the Titanic left afloat, and she is also the last surviving White Star Line vessel in the world. Like Titanic herself she was built at the shipyards of Harland and Wolff in Belfast, Northern Ireland (EU-115, WLOTA 1439), and served as a tender to the Olympic and Titanic. QSL via the RSGB Bureau, LoTW, ISWL, or direct to GI4GOS. Information about the SS Nomadic can be found at: www.nomadicbelfast.com/ [Pete at the DX-Newsdesk]

13/04/2012: On April 18, 2012 Grupo DXXE will celebrate the World Amateur Radio Day on the 87th Anniversary of the founding of the International Amateur Radio Union, IARU. This year's theme for the World Amateur Radio Day is "Amateur Radio Satellites: Celebrating 50 Years in Space" in remembrance of the launching of OSCAR 1 on December 12, 1961 and the launch of OSCAR 2 on June 2, 1962. For this reason Grupo DXXE will activate the special callsign 6H6IARU from 13-18 April, 2012 on all bands from 160 to 6 metres and of course amateur radio satellites from different Grid Locators throughout Mexico. QSL via N7RO, direct and LoTW. QSOs with this station are valid for the IARU Region 2 award (www.iaru-r2.org/new-iaru-r2-award/), the various FMRE awards (www.fmre.org.mx/diplomas/DIPLOMAS.htm) and the DXXE award (www.dxxe.org/der6-eng.html). Website: www.qrz.com/db/6H6IARU [XE1R]

U.S.A. Special Events can be found at: www.arrl.org/special-event-stations

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LIGHTHOUSE CALENDAR -

06/04-26/04 GB100MGY: England (Main Island) WLOTA:1841 QSL M0BZZ (d/b)
07/04-12/05 HH8/EA3OW: Haiti Island WLOTA:0343 QSL HC (d/b)
07/04-09/04 KH8/N9YU: Tutuila Island WLOTA:4385 QSL YT1AD (d/b)
07/04-14/04 OZ/DF1XC: Bornholm Island WLOTA:2203 QSL HC (d/b)
07/04-14/04 OZ/DJ5YL: Bornholm Island WLOTA:2203 QSL HC (d/b)
08/04-11/04 9M2/R6AF/6: Borneo Island WLOTA:0119 QSL HC (d)
08/04-20/04 GB2WG: Mainland Shetlands WLOTA:0867 QSL MM5PSL (d/b)
08/04-16/04 VP2MFF: Montserrat Island WLOTA:1475 QSL W3FF (d)
08/04-16/04 VP2MLR: Montserrat Island WLOTA:1475 QSL W7DGP (d)
08/04-16/04 VP2MQR: Montserrat Island WLOTA:1475 QSL N7QR (d)
08/04-16/04 VP2MTM: Montserrat Island WLOTA:1475 QSL K2GSJ (d)
08/04-16/04 VP2MUN: Montserrat Island WLOTA:1475 QSL N7UN (d)
08/04-16/04 VP2MVO: Montserrat Island WLOTA:1475 QSL KB9AVO (d)
08/04-16/04 VP2MYZ: Montserrat Island WLOTA:1475 QSL N2YYZ (d)
09/04-11/04 5W7A: Upolu Island WLOTA:1944 QSL YT1AD (d/b)
09/04-16/04 SV5/IZ4AKS: Nisos Rodos WLOTA:0045 QSL HC (d/b)
10/04-12/04 DL7UXG/P: Fohr Island WLOTA:4067 QSL HC (d/b)
10/04-15/04 GR100MGY: England (main) WLOTA:1841 QSL QRZ.com
12/04-18/04 GI2012MGY: Northern Ireland WLOTA:1439 QSL RSGB Buro

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6 METRES & UP -

DXCC: VP2V; square FK78; start 2012-06-21
BRITISH VIRGIN ISLANDS DXPEDITION: VP2V on 6 METERS Only.
W9DR, Dave, will be operating from the British Virgin Islands (NA-023, Grid Loc. FK78) on 6 metres between 21 June and 2 July, 2012. The call will be VP2V/W9DR and he will be on 50.115.6 Mhz CW and 50.115 Mhz SSB. Please submit

conformation request (QSL) to W9DR's home address (QRZ.com). [MMMonVHF]

DXCC: ZK2; square AH51; 2012-07-09
6m (&2m) EME DXpedition to ZK2 September 7-21, 2012
Well, I wanted to provide as much advance time as I could so you could mark your calendars and/or get everything in your 6m station optimized by the end of August As those of you know who completed JT65A mode contacts with me on 6m EME when I was in E51, 3D2 and 5W, I will do my best to set up and be active during our common moon windows - especially during the optimum days of the month for 6m EME. The callsign is not in hand yet (but assured by email), and the QTH has not been finalized, but all the plane tickets have been purchased (as usual, any contributions are VERY welcome), and the equipment (a KX3 portable transceiver with compatible 6m amplifier) is in the works. As soon as the license is in hand, the information will also be available under the callsign on QRZ.com. In the meantime, preliminary information about the DXpedition is here:
http://www.bigskyspaces.com/w7gj/Niue2012.htm
I don't know if it will be possible to find a QTH that provides my usual preference for a takeoff shot over water on moonrise. However, that is not necessary to work NA stations during their moonsets (I will be elevating), so we will get the ground gain on YOUR end for that And if a QTH with a good moonrise shot (for EU moonset) cannot be found, it is quite likely that we will instead wind up with a good moonset over the water for the EU moonrise.
Currently, ZL1RS is planning to activate ZK2 on 2m EME during the same time period, as we did together from E51 and 3D2; Bob's call will probably be his old callsign of ZK2RS. More details will be posted on the above website as the departure time at the end of August gets closer.
I am very much looking forward to giving you a new one on the Magic Band! GL and DX! VY 73, Lance. [MMMonVHF]

2012 edition of the Marathon 50
Hello all, less than a month he began the 2012 edition of the Marathon 50 MHz I wanted to point you all the news inserted in this edition. As part of the trial of the new frequency of 70 MHz has been entered for this category only with the band to collect as much data (QSO) in order to provide an important statistical basis for the University of L'Aquila, the promoter of the trial. For this purpose has been added at the site of the log on-line with the procedure for the management of that category.
I hope to receive your requests for participation to the race of the 2012 Marathon, as shown on the site, and those who wish to participate in the category 70 Mhz should indicate in the request for access to online log including information on working conditions for such frequency.
Thanking you in advance for your attention I wish you a Happy Easter to you and your family.
IZ5HQB Gabriele

07/04-08/04 NZART V/U/SHF Low Band 6m-70cm 07 0500z-08 0100z
08/04 SKCC Weekend Sprintathon 6m CW 08 0000z-2359z
08/04-27/04 E51BKM: Rarotonga Island OC-013 Grid:BG08 6m 100W 5el QSL VK4FI (d)
08/04-27/04 E51BKM: Aitutaki Island OC-083 Grid:BH01 6m 100W 5el QSL VK4FI (d)
08/04-27/04 E51GMH: Rarotonga Island OC-013 Grid:BG08 6m 100W 5el QSL VK4FI (d)
08/04-27/04 E51GMH: Aitutaki Island OC-083 Grid:BH01 6m 100W 5el QSL VK4FI (d)
08/04-22/04 TM27UFT: UFT 27th Meeting Grid:JN07QN VHF&Up CW only QSL F6ICG (b)
09/04 IRTS 2m Counties Contest 1400-1600 local time
09/04 Spring VHF/UHF Sprints 144MHz 09 1900-2300 local time
10/04 LY 432MHz Activity Contest CW/SSB/FM 10 1700z-2059z
10/04 NRAU 432MHz Activity Contest SO/MO/Open 10 1700z-2100z
10/04 RSGB 432MHz UKAC SO/Fixed/Open 2000z-2230z

11/04 Moon Contest 432MHz CW/Digital/FM/SSB 1800z-2000z
11/04-14/04 E51EWP: Rarotonga OC-013 Grid:BG08 50.104CW 4el QSL DJ8NK (OQRS)
12/04 LY 50MHz Activity Contest CW/SSB/FM 12 1700z-2059z
12/04 NRAU 50MHz Activity Contest SO/MO/Open 12 1700z-2100z
12/04 SPAC April 50MHz Contest 50 MHz/Open Class 12 1700z-2100z
12/04-27/04 TZ5T: Bamako, Mali Grid:IK52XO 50.105CW/SSB/Beacon QSL I2YSB (d)
13/04-18/04 6H6IARU: Mexico various grids 6m + Satellites QSL N7RO (d)

Contest Calendar: www.qsl.net/va3rj/con_apr.html

GOT6??? - Six Meter Information by Andy 'NEON' Sargent N8OFS at:
http://noars.net/got6/GOT6.txt (Updated 03 April, 2012)

Information about current VHF activities can be found on the VHF DX portal "Make More Miles on VHF" at: www.MMMonVHF.de/

SMIRK: www.smirk.org/
SOTA (Summits On The Air) Watch Alerts at: www.sotawatch.org/
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QSL INFORMATION -

QSLs via Bureau: 3XD2Z, 5X1NH, 6W1RY, 9N7DX, 9Q5?ON, AH?BT, C56FR, FO5RH, FO8RZ, J3/PE1GIM, OJ?UR, PJ7/DB4BJ, S9DX, T3?AQ, V55DLH, VK9C/G6AY, VK9X/G6AY, XU7KOH and ZD8D.

QSLs via Direct: 3D2YA [OC-156] (JA1NLX), 4K?CW (DL6KVA/OQRS), 4W?VB (UA4WHX), 4W?VB/P (UA4WHX), CO2WL (HA3JB), DL1QQ (QRZ.com), PJ4C (F9IE/OQRS), TL?CW (DJ7PE), TO5G (F5KDR), VK?TH (JE1LET), VR2XLN (QRZ.com) and VU2DSI (QRZ.com).

QSLs via LoTW: 3XY1D, 8P5A, AB7R, AB7RW, CQ9T, CT1ETX, CT3/DJ?IR, CW5W, CX9AU, EA3IN, E7DX, EA5HT, ED3X, EE7T, EU5A, F6HLC, FM5CD, HK3R, HR5/W9GL, HU2DX, IR1G, IR2C, K5KG, LA6YEA, LO2F, OE3K, OH7AAC, OH7M, OH8X, OJ?X, OM3M, OQ5M, P33W, P4?J, P49Y, PR5B, PY?S/PS7JN, PY3VK, S58A, SP3SLO, TI5W, TO3J, UA9CDC, VA7ST, VE2UMS, VE3DZ, VE3EY/2, VE7IO, VY2SS, XW3DT, YU5A, YZ7ED, YZ7EM, ZF2AG/ZF8, ZF2LC, ZS6EZ, ZW?S, ZY?SAT and ZY?SS.
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LINKS -
IOTA (Islands On The Air) at: www.rsgbiota.org/
WCA (World Castles on the Air) at: www.wcagroup.org/ENG/wcag.html
WFF (World Flora & Fauna) at: www.wff44.org/program/wff/
WLOTA (World Lighthouses On The Air at: www.wlota.com/
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BITS & PIECES -

GI, NORTHERN IRELAND
Additional Titanic Centenery Information:
Two special specials will be active from Belfast for the 100th anniversary of the sinking of the RMS Titanic. GI100MGY will be active from The City Hall, Belfast 7-10th of April as part of the councils Titanic 2012 festival. We'll actually be setting up station in the council chambers.
GI2012MGY will then run from 12-18th from onboard the SS Nomadic, the last surviving link to the Titanic and the White Star line:
www.nomadicpreservationsociety.co.uk/index.asp
We'll be operating mere yards from where the Titanic and indeed the Nomadic where built AND where MTV will be staging their Titanic Sounds concert on the 13th.
The two callsigns are "firsts" for the UK being the first time a regional designator has been allowed to be used as a special event callsign, we expect interest to be huge. GI100MGY will of necessity be a 100w station while

GI2010MGY will run the legal limit. We'll be QRV on all bands 80 - 10m using CW and SSB, it is unlikely we'll do any digital modes as operating time is short and we want to give as many as possible a chance to work us.
See QRZ.com for details [Pete at the DX-Newsdesk]

PY, BRAZIL
The special callsign ZY2014WC marks the upcoming FIFA World Cup 2014 in Brazil. The FIFA World Cup 2014 will be held in the cities of Manaus, Porto Alegre, Curitiba, Sao Paulo, Rio de Janeiro, Belo Horizonte, Brasilia, Cuiaba Salvador, Recife, Natal and Fortaleza, Brazil. QSL via PS7KC, direct or Bureau. No e-QSL!

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RAC has been pursuing channelized access to 60M since early 2010. Our request was for an allocation identical to the US allocation, with one additional unique Canadian channel, and with fewer restrictions (the US allocations were restricted to USB voice only, with power and antenna restrictions). Amateurs will recall that one of the rationales for RAC requesting a 60M allocation was to enhance emergency communications including cross-border interoperability. IC responded by indicating that they were prepared to support access in synch with US amateur allocation and regulations. In late 2011, in response to an ARRL petition for change, the FCC issued a final Report and Order that, once it has been published in the Federal Register, will result in a change to the frequency of one of the channels and will enable the use of CW and data modes in addition to USB voice. These features had already been in the original RAC request. The FCC Report and Order has cleared the way for Canada to move ahead with finalizing its allocation to match the new US allocations, including the ability to use CW and data modes. This allocation, which will be on a secondary basis, requires a public consultation through the Canada Gazette, which RAC anticipates will occur in the second quarter of 2012.

It is important that Canadian Amateurs comment on the draft once released. RAC will continue to keep our members aware of the status of this important initiative.

An important offer has been made by IC with regards to 60M. Industry Canada is prepared to licence operators in channelized 60M operation pending the results of the consultation process. The licencing process will be managed out of ICs regional offices and is open to any Canadian amateur. The process requires a formal licence application, payment of a licence fee, and the use of a special call sign instead of the licensee's amateur call sign. RAC regards this as an important interim step allowing amateurs to get on the air in the 60M band as soon as possible and thanks IC for this initiative. RAC`s objective, however, is to ensure that Canadian amateurs have the 60M allocation available to all amateurs as part of their amateur radio certification, i.e. without licence applications, licence fees or special call signs. RAC is cautiously optimistic that this will come about in the summer of 2012.

If you wish to obtain a temporary, paid license to operate on 60M, please contact your local Industry Canada Regional Office to complete the application form.The total fee depends upon the date of your application but in any case is less than $100.

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73 and Good DX!
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